

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 23, with the following redlined paragraph:

A broad magnetic tape was manufactured by forming an under coat layer 3 having a thickness of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  and a magnetic recording layer 4 having a thickness of 0.15 $\mu\text{m}$  on one surface of a broad support 2 made of polyethylene ~~terephthalate-naphthalate~~ and having a width of 500 mm and a thickness of 6.1  $\mu\text{m}$  and forming a back coat layer 5 having a thickness of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  on the other surface of the support 2, thereby manufacturing a broad magnetic tape.